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SUBJ: NASA STATION NEGOTIATIONS; GOMR CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION

POINT-TO-POINT COMMUNICATIONS

REFS: A) TANANARIVE 1634(NOTAL); B) TANANARIVE 0870, 21OCT69(NOTAL)

1. REFTEL A, PARA 12, SEARCH OF EMBASSY AND NASA STATION FILES HAS TURNED UP REFTEL B AND OTHER DOCUMENTS, INDICATING THAT CHECK FOR \$428,000 PRESENTED BY CHARGE WALKER TO MIN EQUIP & COMM LECHAT ON OCT 20, 1969 IN SETTLEMENT PERTH CIRCUIT PAYMENTS, I. E., FOR NASA'S POINT-TO-POINT COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAY 10, 1965 TO AUGUST 1, 1969, FOR WHICH GOMR NOW REQUESTING PAYMENT UNDER CLAUSE 3(B) OF OCT 7, 1963 AGREEMENT. NASA STATION DIRECTOR SAYS THERE WERE NEVER ANY OTHER POINT-TO-POINT COMMUNICATIONS WHICH GOMR MIGHT NOW BE REFERRING TO.

2. RECORD INDICATES ABOVE PAYMENT WAS MADE FOLLOWING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN CHARLES A. TAYLOR, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING FOR NASA, PLUS CHARGE ON ONE HAND AND MINISTER LECHAT AND SECSTATE FOR PTT RAZAFIMANDIMBY ON OTHER. ORIGINAL GOMR REQUEST FOR PAYMENT \$427,400 (SIC) CONTAINED IN DIP NOTE OF JUNE 25, 1969 (COPY IN EMB FILES).

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3. EMBASSY ACCOUNTING RECORDS NO LONGER CONTAIN POSSIBLE GOMR RECEIPT FOR CHECK, VOUCHER, OR OTHER PROOF PAYMENT ACTUALLY MADE. WE ASSUME GOMR TEAM NEGOTIATING WHAT IT CLAIMS ARE "ARR-EARS" WILL ACCEPT EMBASSY'S EVIDENCE THAT PAYMENT WAS IN FACT MADE, BUT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE FOR DEPT/NASA TO INITIATE SEARCH FOR TREASURY DEPT DOCUMENTS TO SUBSTANTIATE OUR POSITION.

4. UNLESS DEPT/NASA PERCEIVE OBJECTIONS, CHARGE PLANS TO SUGGEST THAT QUESTION OF PAYMENT UNDER CLAUSE 3(B) BE TAKEN UP FIRST DURING DEC 3 DISCUSSION. WOULD THEN ATTEMPT, ON BASIS ABOVE-MENTIONED RECORD, TO CONVINCE MALAGASY NEGOTIATORS THAT FULL PAYMENT MADE IN GOOD FAITH. ASIDE FROM SETTling SUBSTANCE THIS ISSUE, ABOVE TACK MIGHT WELL IMPROVE USG POSITION CONCERNING RELIABILITY OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT PAYMENT HAD NEVER BEEN REQUIRED FOR LAND USE UNDER ORIGINAL AGREEMENT OR EXTENSIONS.

5. AS INDICATED PARA 8 REFTel A, GOMR ATTEMPTING TO BASE LAND RENTAL ON "INTENDED USE OF LAND" BUT IS SEEMINGLY ALSO TYING EXORBITANT FEE REQUESTED TO USE OF 1,000 HECTARES OF LAND. HOWEVER, AS OUTLINED IN STADIR MEMO OF NOV 9, 1973 TO C. A. TAYLOR, ACTUAL LAND TURNED OVER TO NASA'S USE WOULD APPEAR CONSIST OF ONLY 340.6 ACRES. ALTHOUGH WE REALIZE USG NOT WILLING TO CONCEDE THAT RENT ACTUALLY DUE, IT MIGHT BE WORTHWHILE TO WORK UP RESERVE POSITION, BOTH AS REGARDS PAST AND FUTURE RENT, THAT LAND TURNED OVER TO NASA IS INDEED MUCH LESS THAN 1,000 HECTARES GOMR NOW CLAIMING AND THAT EVENTUAL RENT, IF ANY, SHOULD BE CORRESPONDINGLY LESS.  
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